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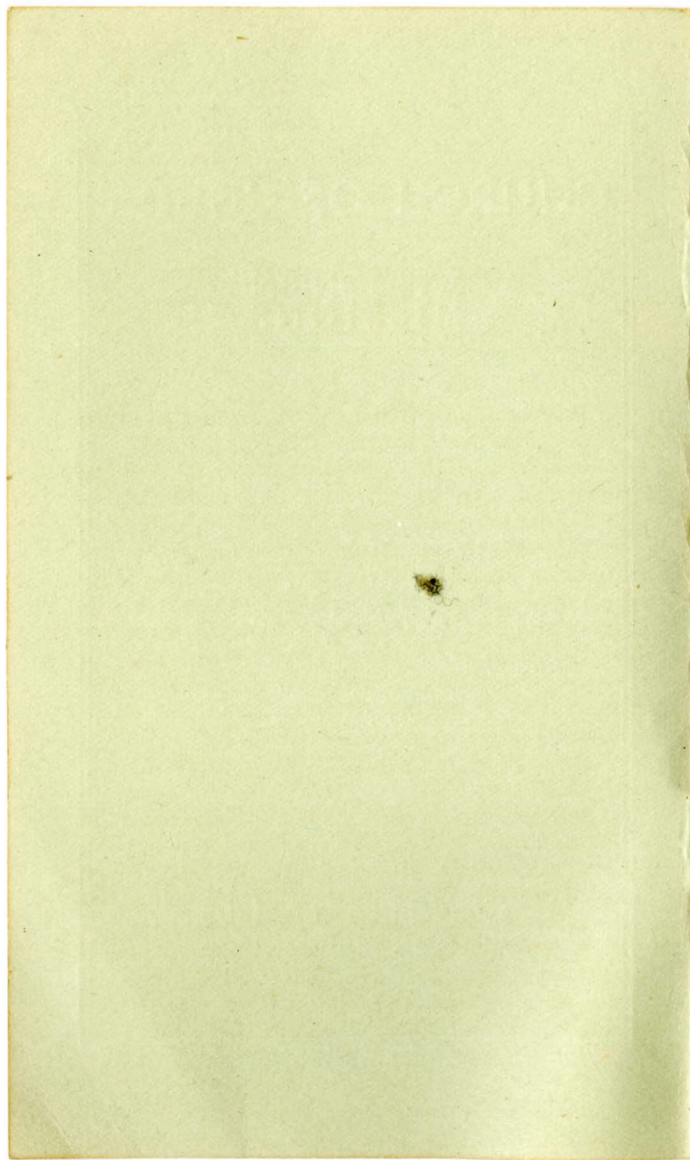
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

WISCONSIN MISSIONS



Convention of 1908
Milwaukee, September 16-20



To the Churches of Christ in Wisconsin

The Annual Conventions for 1907, of the Wisconsin Christian Missionary Association and the Wisconsin Christian Woman's Board of Missions were held with the Footville church September 19 22, and the good people of that place more than sustained their reputation as entertainers.

Every preacher in regular work in the state was present, besides the following from outside the State: H. A. Denton, Centennial Secretary of the A. C. M. S.; C. S. Weaver and wife, of Osaka, Japan; J. A. Barnett, of Freeport, Ill.; and C. M. Farnham, of Ind. The state Anti-Saloon League was represented by R. P. Hutton, of Milwaukee, and Sunday Rest Association by J. B. Davison.

The convention was missionary from start to finish, no one having hobbies, and a delightful spirit pervaded all the sessions. We never knew the fellowship to be sweeter. Never before did we raise so much money on the ground.

A large number of delegates came via Janesville over the C. & N. W., but a wreck delayed the train so that they did not reach Janesville until after the Footville train had gone. The

division headquarters were notified and they ordered a special to take the delegates to their destination. The convention tendered a vote of thanks to the company.

THE ATTENDANCE

Following is a list of the delegates, giving their residence rather than the church of which they are members. In most instances the church and the address is the same.

MILWAUKEE—Claire L. Waite, W. H. Trout, S. J. Homan, L. A. Willis, R. A. Nourse, Miss Jennie Lindauer, Miss Blanche Holmes, Mrs. E. S. Knapp, Mrs. G. J. McDaniels, Mrs. I. W. Davis, Mrs. Humphrey and A. J. Snyder.

RICHLAND CENTER—F. M. McHale, Miss Zoe Miller, Mrs. W. D. S. Ross, G. G. Turpin, Miss Helen Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Jewell, Harold and Lester Jewell.

JANESVILLE—Mrs. Lucy E. Parmley, Mr. and Mrs. Laban Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sadler, Mrs. Carrie L. Howe, Mrs. O. P. Haethorne, Miss Harriet Dean, Miss L. Schneider and Miss Rose Haethorne.

CENTER—J. H. Fisher and wife, W. S. Pointer and wife, Mrs. Esther Parmley, Florence and Hazel Pointer and Clayton and Charley Fisher.

MONROE—J. H. Berkey, Miss Mettie Monroe, Harry Howe and wife, Miss Pearle Hale, Lelah Howe and Gertrude Chambers.

ALBANY—Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Fessenden.

TWIN GROVE—J. M. Berry and Miss Belle Berry.

GRAND RAPIDS—H. F. Barstow and wife,

C. C. Packard, E. A. Stamm, and Mrs. Wm. Kammer.

LADYSMITH—J. I. Carter and F. L. Dean.

EVANSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Dann.

CHIPPEWA FALLS—Julius Stone.

READSTOWN—J. P. Wright and wife.

SUGAR GROVE—W. J. Randall.

VIOLA—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stokes.

WEST LIMA—Dr. B. A. Cole, Mrs. Bertha Morgan and Jean Hiding.

RIB LAKE—P. A. Sherman, B. C. Rose and Mrs. Fred Adams.

MADISON—Henry C. Taylor and wife.

WOODMAN—Wm. Arbuthnot.

ASHLAND—C. W. Johnson.

GREEN BAY—J. C. Thurman and wife.

VISITORS—Mrs. Austin Dean, Chicago; D. Y. McMullen, Freeport; Mrs. Jas. O. Mabie, Rockford, Ill.; and Mrs. McMillin of Winona, Minn.

The sessions of the W. C. M. A. were presided over by president Thurman. Addresses were given by the ministers present, on the different phases of mission work, the convention joining freely in discussing them. Reports from the state at large showed progress.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary showed that 6 points had been assisted: Rib Lake, Chippewa Falls, Ladysmith, Grand Rapids, Readstown and Moro.

Twenty-eight conversions were reported from Rib Lake, Forty from Chippewa Falls, Fifteen from Grand Rapids, One from Readstown and Twenty three from Moro, a total of 104. Outside the mission places but Fifty-one baptisms were

reported, but only part of the churches reported.

FINANCES

At the beginning of last year there was a balance in the traasury of.....	\$ 66.58
Gathered on the field.....	218.84
Received of the C. W. B. M.....	500.00
Received of the A. C. M. S.....	600 00
Total.....	<u>1385.42</u>

This was expended as follow:

In support of the work at Chippewa Falls.....	\$425.44
In support of the work at Grand Rapids.....	579.94
In support of the work at Rib Lake.....	227.69
In support of the work at Readstown.....	66.66
In support of the work at Ladysmith.....	30 04
To state Evangelist.....	43.61
Expenses.....	<u>55 63</u>
Total.....	<u>1425.01</u>

The expense account includes that of board meetings, postage and stationary, railway fares of Cor. Sec., and some expenses incurred by the Ladysmith convention, such as printing and travel of speakers from abroad.

At the time of the Footville convention in September we were in debt to our missionaries about \$140.00, and a note of \$250.00 which we gave two years ago, and we are glad to say (at the begining of Jan.) that all is paid but \$50.00.

The cash and pledges received at convention and since are as follows:

From Milwaukee.	Pledges	Cash
W. H. Trout	\$40.00	\$10.00
L. A. Willis	25.00	
G. I. Lindsay	25.00	
R. A. Nourse	10.00	10.00
Miss Jennie Lindauer	10.00	5.00
Mrs. O. C. Sturgeon	10.00	
Mrs. I. W. Davis	3.00	
Smith Hughes	5.00	
Mrs. M. E. Leighton	5.00	
Claire L. Waite	5.00	5.00
J. A. Furgeson	.50	
Wisconsin Day Offering	13.05	13.05
Totals	<u>\$151.55</u>	<u>\$43.05</u>
From Monroe	Pledges	Cash
Miss Mettie Monroe	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Dr. E. S. Fessenden	5.00	
Mrs. Eliza Howe	1.00	1.00
Miss Lelah Howe	5.00	5.00
Miss Pearle Hale	1.00	1.00
Union Church	13.13	13.13
Totals	<u>\$30.13</u>	<u>\$25.13</u>

From Footville	Pledges	Cash
The Church	\$50.00	
F. L. Dann	10.00	
L. H. Howe	5.00	
Jamie Howe	5.00	
Harry Wells	2.00	
Mrs. Wm. Honeysett	3.00	
Mrs. Dann	1.00	
Chas A. Wright	5.00	5.00
Elsie Howe	1.00	1.00
Fred Snyder	5.00	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Bailis	1.00	1.00
Mary Wells	1.00	1.00
J. Buck	1.00	1.00
E. F. Baldrige	1.00	1.00
Church	64.75	64.75
Totals	\$155.75	\$79.75
Richland Center	Pledge	Cash
J. F. Snyder	\$25.00	\$2.50
Mrs. W. D. S. Ross	5.00	5.00
G. G. Turpin	5.00	5.00
Miss Zoe Miller	5.00	1.25
Miss Helen Rowley	5.00	1.25
John Carter	1.00	1.00
Cash from Church	22.50	22.50
Totals	\$68.50	\$38.50
Sugar Grove	Pledges	Cash
W. J. Randall	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.25
J. M. Stokes and wife	5.00	
John Wells and wife	5.00	
Totals	\$15.00	\$1.25
From Center	Pledges	Cash
Mrs. Lucy Parmley	\$100.00	\$60.00
Mrs. Esther Parmley	10.00	
Mrs. J. H. Fisher	5.00	
Mrs. Laban Fisher	10.00	
Mrs. O. P. Haethorne	5.00	2.50
W. S. Pointer	5.00	5.00
Miss Hattie Dean	10.00	2.50
Totals	\$145.00	\$70.00
From Grand Rapids	Pledges	Cash
C. C. Packhard	\$ 25.00	
Church	25.00	15.80
H. F. Barstow	10.00	5.00
Mrs. H. F. Barstow	3.00	1.50
Mrs. Wm. Kammer	1.00	1.00
E. A. Stamm	6.00	6.00
J. C. Thurman	25.00	12.50
Mrs. J. C. Thurman	1.00	1.00
The Thurman girls	4.00	2.00
Totals	\$100.00	\$44.80

From Rib Lake Church	Pledges	Cash
P. A. Sherman	\$25.00	
B. C. Rose and family	6.00	6.00
Mark S. Peckham	6.00	6.00
	1.25	
Totals	\$38.25	\$13.25
From Waupun Union Church	Pledges	Cash
Miss Ida C. Towne	\$8.00	\$8.00
Miss Lura Caldwell	1.00	1.00
	4.00	4.00
Totals	\$13.00	\$13.00
From Readstown J. P. Wright	Pledges	Cash
Annie McDaniel	\$ 5.00	
	1.00	1.00
Totals	\$6.00	1.00
From Ladysmith F. L. Dean	Pledges	Cash
J. I. Carter	\$10.00	
	5.00	
Total	\$15.00	
From Twin Grove J. M. Berry	Pledges	Cash
Miss Belle Berry	\$25.00	
	1.00	1.00
Totals	\$26.00	1.00
Werley, Wm. Arbuthnot	Pledges	Cash
Chippewa Falls, Jul. Stone	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
West Lima, Dr. B. A. Cole	10.00	
Japan, C. S. Weaver	4.50	4.50
Ashland, C. W. Johnson	5.00	5.00
C. M. Farnham, Indiana	30.00	
Unknown	5.00	
Convention offering	10.00	10.00
	17.61	17.61
Total scattering	\$87.11	\$42.11

Making a grand total of cash and pledges combined \$851.29, and of cash alone \$372.84. To do the work we would like to do this year it will be necessary to raise \$1100.00, and we trust that all who read this will feel themselves called upon to contribute as liberally as possible, and that all who have pledged will pay their pledges as fast as convenient.

The American Christian Missionary Association are giving us \$300.00 this year, and the

Christian Woman's Board of Missions, \$500.00, making \$800.00 that comes to us from outside the state.

During the year ending Oct. 1, 1907, the churches of the state contributed to Foreign Missions \$574.96

To General Home Missions 403.25

To Church Extension 54.42

Education and the Benevolences were remembered, but I haven't the figures at hand.

The convention recommended that aid be continued to the missions already established, and the Executive Board have made the following appropriations: Ladysmith \$200, Rib Lake \$200, Chippewa Falls \$100, Readstown \$100, and Grand Rapids \$500 provided they give part of the time of their pastor to the work of corresponding secretary.

The counties of Grant, Crawford, Vernon and Richland contain about one-third of our membership in Wisconsin, and have eleven church buildings, with only two preachers doing regular work in them, leaving many of the disciples without a shepherd, and some of the houses unused. The convention recommended that that territory organize itself into a district Missionary Society, and employ a suitable man to be District Evangelist.

The State Board stands ready to co-operate with them, if the district is not able to handle it alone. This section was once the Disciples' stronghold in the state, and it is too bad to let it go by default

It was also recommended that the society in-

augurate one new mission to be located in one of the larger cities.

PREACHERS OF STATE

F. M. McHale, Richland Center; J. P. Wright, Readstown, Sugar Grove and Sabin; J. I. Carter, Ladysmith; Mark S. Peckman, Rib Lake; Claire L. Waite, Milwaukee, 433 Grove St; C. W. Johnson, Ashland; J. H. Berkey, Monroe; J. H. Bullock, Footville; Wilson Mallory, Stevens Point; Julius Stone, Chippewa Falls; J. S. Stone, Chippewa Falls; H. F. Barstow, Grand Rapids.

With no regular work: Wm. Downing, Ontario; David Jones, Ontario; S. J. Homan, Milwaukee; W. O. King, Ladysmith.

The Missionary Board for the coming year is: J. C. Thurman, Green Bay, President; Claire L. Waite, Milwaukee, Vice President; H. F. Barstow, Grand Rapids, Corresponding Secretary; J. H. Fisher, Evansville, Recording Secretary; Earle Pease, Grand Rapids, Treasurer.

The sessions of the Wisconsin Christian Woman's Board of Missions were presided over by Pres. Nettie J. Monroe, of Monroe.

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ida C. Towne of Waupun reported 11 auxiliaries with 172 members, and 70 subscribers to "Tidings." Reports of auxiliaries showed a gain in membership and interest.

MONEY RAISED

Monthly offerings to National Secretary	\$156.98
Monthly offerings to State Secretary	81.08
Special to state fund	1.00
C. W. B. M. Day offering	51.94
Easter offering	44.54
Extra offering for special work	6.00

Centennial Offering	42.85
For Jamaica Relief	40.00
For Buddha Wisconsin's orphan	28.00
Offering at Ladysmith Convention (1906)	10.20

Total contributed by auxiliaries \$462.59

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$117.52.

There was but one Junior Society of Christian Endeavor reported, but the convention manifested much interest in that department of the women's work, and it was recommended that an effort be made to organize at least 6 new Societies during the year. Up to this date (Jan 1st) there have been three organized; at Footville, at Richland Center and at Readstown.

It was further recommended that the "Roll of Honor" be continued; that our aim for the year be "A membership of 200, and \$500.00 be raised aside from the Centennial offering; that \$300.00 be raised for the Centennial offering; and that Wisconsin continue its special work, that of helping to support the Medical Mission at Bilaspur India."

Four Life memberships were taken and an offering of \$22.54.

The officers chosen for this year are President, Miss Mettie J. Monroe of Monroe; Vice President, Mrs. E. W. Tucker, Wauwatosa; Cor. Sec., Miss Ida C. Towne, Waupun; Rec. Sec. Mrs. J. C. Thurman, Green Bay; Treasurer, Miss Zoe Miller, Richland Center; Sec. of Young People's Work, Mrs. H. F. Barstow, Grand Rapids; Sec. Home Department, Mrs. Wm. Honeysett, Footville.

Both associations are indebted to Brother and

Sister Weaver of Japan, to Brother H. A. Denton of Cincinnati, and Brother J. A. Barnett of Freeport for their help and inspiration during the convention.

During convention word came that P. A. Sherman, who has been the missionary pastor at Rib Lake for 11 years, had been appointed missionary to Jubbulpore, India. Brother Sherman did excellent work in Wisconsin and the prayers of his Wisconsin Friends will follow him.

Much of the success and spirit of the convention is due to the untiring labors of Brother D. J. Howe who was temporary minister at the time.

Praying that God will guide the Disciples of Christ of Wisconsin to His glory and to the saving of many souls, I am

Yours Sincerely,
H. F. BARSTOW,
Cor. Sec.

